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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yukio NAKANO et al.  
Serial No.: 09/987,839  
Filed: November 16, 2001  
For: DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH REBALANCE  
ARCHITECTURE  
Group: 2161  
Examiner: H. Thai

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 19, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2005, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire December 19, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** describing changes to drawings shown in the Appendix are on page 8.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks.